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CRIT works to address fires affecting area

Offer reward for information on hay fires, other incidents causing damages

The CRIT Tribal Council is working with the local community to address some recent fires caused by arson or carelessness.

CRIT has joined area farmers in offering a total of \$15,000 in reward money for information leading to the arrest of arsonists responsible for setting tens of thousands of dollars of hay on fire in late June.

Large amounts of hay were set at six different locations in the Parker valley June 26 and 27. One location alone lost an estimated \$60,000 in hay in the fires.

The CRIT Fire Department responded to the fires and the CRIT Police Department immediately launched an investigation, which the CRIT Tribal Council considers a high priority.

Area farmers met with members of the Tribal Council immediately after the events took place and pledged \$10,000 in reward money, with CRIT offering another \$5,000.

"It is very important to all Tribal members that the farmers who lease and farm our lands are successful, so when something like this happens we must react quickly and forcefully," said Tribal Chairman Eldred Enas.

"These are our lands and our livelihood is at stake, and we will not allow vandals and arsonists to have a negative impact on the well-being of our people. Our law enforcement is working diligently to find the perpetrators of these crimes and bring them to justice as soon as possible."

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New Walmart center opens doors



Bird Singers and Chemehuevi song and dance highlighted the Grand Opening of the long-awaited Walmart store on July 15. Two Tribal dance groups attended the event and performed, and Larry Eddy also shared his traditional Chemehuevi songs and had a young dancer accompany the performance. Dozens of community members attended the Grand Opening event at the new River People's Plaza on Highway 95. Photos courtesy of Ron Charles

Store will create revenue, jobs, shopping opportunities for area

Parker's Walmart store opened in mid-July, providing area residents with new shopping opportunities as well as a slew of new jobs and a new revenue source for CRIT.

The Grand Opening ceremony took place in the early morning on July 15, and shoppers were streaming in and out of the store just a couple of hours later.

It has enjoyed a steady stream of sales and traffic since its opening.

The Grand Opening ceremony included performances from Native singers and dancers as well as non-Native performers. Tribal Chairman Eldred Enas spoke at the event, as did Vice Chairman Wayne Patch, Sr. and Store Manager Shannon Madigral.

The store is the anchor tenant in the new River People's Plaza, and is located on Highway 95 between about halfway between downtown Parker and the BlueWater Resort & Casino.

Previously, area residents were forced to go

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News & Information From Your Tribal Council



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Laffoon

Treasurer provides overview of CRIT's financial situation

Dear Fellow Tribal Members:

We are more than half way into 2009 and it should come as no surprise that the CRIT Government is experiencing the same pressures as the national economy.

In this downturn, our economic base has shrunk — less tourism, lower commodity prices for farm products, less patrons visiting our Casino, less construction, which means lower demand for our aggregates.

As the Treasurer, it is my duty to address expenditures from a perspective of how much money comes in via our various revenue mechanisms (enterprises, leases, taxes etc.). As inflows have dwindled, we have had to begin to actively seek ways to cut costs without aiming to hurt our employees.

At the same time, the council will begin looking at consolidating departments to reduce employee duplications, expand management duties, and reduce wasteful spending.

In today's job market, it's only fair that every single employee truly works to earn their pay. The days of employees "collecting a paycheck" will come to an end.

We have inherited a government deficit that in current and future periods will handicap our ability to act to address all the issues we wish we could address.

From services to infrastructure there are many projects that are worthy; unfortunately, we have to address the over expenditures from prior periods.

So I want you to join me in our vision that before we have to make the regretful decision to address layoffs as a way to cut expenses that we join in cutting purchases and services that may not be needed at this time.

Just 6 percent in cuts in operating expenses would mean a \$1.8 million savings to our tribal coffers. Just think about it — 6 percent — that is less than the sales tax that is charged at the store. Six percent, and jobs would not be put in jeopardy.

Our enterprises face a monumental

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CRIT, County form partnership to fight drugs

New agreement centered around drug trafficking and other related offenses

The CRIT Tribal Council has unanimously approved an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA), between CRIT and the La Paz County Task Force to combat and investigate drug trafficking and related criminal racketeering offenses within La Paz County and the CRIT Reservation.

On July 15, at the quarterly Task Force meeting, Tribal Chairman Eldred Enas formally signed the IGA with Sam Vederman, La Paz County Attorney, in the accompaniment of various Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies from the States of Arizona and California.

The completion of the IGA concludes a two-year effort by both La Paz County Task Force and CRIT Law Enforcement Services that started in 2007, to primarily enhance both agencies efforts to combat the illegal drug epidemic prevalent locally, which was exacerbated by the complex "jurisdictional issues." Criminals don't recognize jurisdictional boundaries and tend to seek areas and locations that are not so intrusive to their criminal activities.

The IGA will help to lift that "curtain" and afford law enforcement agencies the ability to continue their investigations without legal restrictions and hold offenders liable, whether it is in Federal, Tribal, or State Courts.

The signed IGA is only one component of the fight against illegal drugs. In December 2008, the CRIT Law Enforcement Services Office, was designated a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Agency (HIDTA) by the Arizona Region HIDTA Executive Committee, after a year-long effort initiated by Richard M. Armstrong, Chief of Police, at the approval of the Tribal Council.

This effort resulted in CRIT Law Enforcement Services not only having federal designation, but just as important, access to funding, overtime pay, training, equipment, technical assistance and technology resources essential to successfully prosecute cases.

The communities of CRIT, Parker, and La Paz County are thankful for the cooperation and commitment to public safety by La Paz County Sheriff's Office, Parker Police Department, Quartzsite Marshal's Office, La Paz County Attorney's Office, CRIT Law Enforcement Services and the Tribal Council.

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Laffoon voted back to Tribal Council seat

Pledges to focus on economic issues and work with new council members

Herman "TJ" Laffoon has celebrated a win on the CRIT Tribal Council by winning a special election held on February 13.

Laffoon will fill the seat of Douglas H. Padden, who was elected in a December election. He defeated seven other candidates to regain the seat. Laffoon successfully ran as an incumbent in the December Tribal Council election after serving several terms on the Council.

"We welcome TJ back to the Tribal Council," Enas said. "His experience and leadership will be valuable to all of us as we work to address the needs and challenges of the people of CRIT."

Laffoon said he was pleased to be back on the Tribal Council and thanked for the support of those who voted for him. He said he noted issues would be on helping to enhance revenue members of the Tribal Council in some of the major issues facing CRIT.

He said a primary focus will be on economic development and new business opportunities for the Tribes, including the use of federal economic stimulus dollars.

"It's exciting to have the chance to let people know we are working to generate new revenue for the Tribe," he said. "We're not just going to rely on the casino and agriculture — there are a lot of avenues we are looking at."

He said another area of focus for him will be examining the possibility of a water power project, and potential opportunities to generate infrastructure that runs through Tribal lands.

Mega Throw celebrates culture

Almost 500 people gathered for the dance event, where the first place of the Mega Throw and the group from the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

The Mega Throw V took place on March 21 at the Akabane Preserve.

"The Mega Throw is a celebration of Mohave culture, music, and heritage through the preservation of the first song and dance through CRIT's Mohave youth," according to organizers of the event.

But it was a group of young people, the Mohaves, and their parents, who were the stars. The "Mega Throw" is named for the one of the traditional Mohave games.

Many photos from these events will be featured in this issue.

Photos by Valerie Welsh-Tahbo

New name picked for Wal-Mart center

"Rise People's Plaza" selected to be name for under-construction project

The CRIT Tribal Council has selected "Rise People's Plaza" as the new name for the Wal-Mart shopping center under construction in Parker.

The name was a combination of a couple of ideas that had been submitted to the Tribal Council as part of a contest.

The winner of the contest was local resident Rebecca Martinez, who received \$100 for her entry. CRIT also added a name, "Rise People's Plaza," which was won by local resident Thomas Price.

"It was exciting that we were able to find a way to celebrate our heritage and culture in the name of this important new part of our community," said Tribal Chairman Richard Enas. "The name is a reflection of what is unique and important about our people and the role the Colorado River plays in our lives."

The new shopping center is located on Highway 90 just south of the entrance to the Akabane Preserve.

The Wal-Mart store will be about 180,000 square feet and include groceries and general merchandise. The center will include a variety of services.

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We want to hear from you!

The Manataba Messenger encourages letters to the editor. You may submit letters with a maximum of 250 words; letters longer than that will be edited for length. You are also encouraged to submit story ideas, anniversaries, birthdays and other announcements for publication.

Send letters & story ideas to:
26600 Mohave Road
Parker, AZ 85344

You may also e-mail letters to feedback@critonline.com

Current CRIT Job Opportunities

The following are some of the jobs currently open with CRIT, courtesy of the Human Resources Department. For a full listing, visit www.critonline.com.

Position: Deputy Attorney General
Department: Office of the Attorney General
Salary: DOE
Close date: Open until filled

Position: Assistant Auditor
Department: Tribal Gaming Agency
Salary: \$23,920-33,250

Position: Manager
Department: CRIT Theatre and Arcade
Salary: \$18.31 per hour
Close date: Thursday, August 27 at 5 p.m.

Position: Nursery Director
Department: Ahakhav Tribal Preserve
Salary: DOE

Position: Chief Judge
Department: CRIT Tribal Courts
Salary: DOE
Close date: Thursday, August 20 at 5 p.m.

Position: Wastewater System and Septic Pump Truck Operator
Department: Utilities
Salary: \$9.50 per hour
Close date: Open until filled

Position: Patrol Officer
Department: Law Enforcement
Salary: \$31,990-36,004 DOE
Close date: Open until filled

Position: Independently Licensed Mental Health Therapist (2 positions)
Department: Department of Health Services/Behavioral Health Services
Salary: \$31.83-35.38 DOE
Close date: Open until filled

Position: GIS Technician
Department: Ahakhav Tribal Preserve
Salary: DOE
Close date: Open until filled

Position: General Manager
Department: Colorado River Building Materials
Salary: Negotiable
Close date: Open until filled

Position: Sales Manager/Batch Plant Operator
Department: Colorado River Sand and Rock Enterprise
Salary: DOE
Close date: Open until filled

Position: General Manager
Department: Colorado River Sand and Rock Enterprise
Salary: DOE
Close date: Open until filled

To apply or for more information, contact CRIT Human Resources at 26600 Mohave Road, Parker, 85344, or call them at (928) 669-1321.

Upcoming Events

BlueWater Resort & Casino events

On August 21 and 22, “The Bluzmen” will perform at the BlueWater Resort & Casino Bingo Concert Hall.

The Bluzmen is a high-energy soul, Rhythm & Blues and blues band and is a throwback in the musical style and look of the legendary “Blues Brothers.” The Bluzmen, with its brand of music, light-hearted comedy and unique choreography, provides exciting family entertainment.

The blend of Eric Martin as Dan Akroyd and Carmen Romano as the late John Belushi is a perfect mix in re-creating the Blues Brothers. However, these Bluzmen go a step further. They showcase some of the original choreography with a few “steps” of their own.

When Eric and Carmen explode on stage as the tribute to the Blues Brothers, it’s like a non-stop freight train.

From the opening number to the climactic finale, this Blues Brothers tribute captivates the audience with a high-energy performance that shouldn’t be missed.

The performance will be at 8 p.m. each night, with doors opening at 7 p.m.

To purchase tickets call (888) 243-3360 ext. 7078. Tickets are also now on sale in the BlueWater Gift Shop for \$20 in advance and \$25 day-of-show.

Dig Lounge schedule

- July 28-August 2 — “Radio All-Stars,” a band that plays exactly that: All-Star radio hits. Their song repertoire is ever-reaching, including classic and modern rock, funk, disco, Rhythm & Blues and even Hip Hop.
- August 4-9 — “Drew Baker Band,” with a female fronting a three-piece band playing classic and today country and a bit of classic rock.
- August 11-16 — “Big Happy,” with a female fronting a four-piece band playing classic rock and variety dance music.
- August 18-23 — “Swift Kick,” with a female fronting a three-piece band specializing in current dance music along with selections from the 50s to 90s.
- August 25-30 — “Pilot,” with a female fronting a three-piece band playing Rhythm & Blues, Top 40 dance, classic rock, Old School and disco.
- Sept. 1-6 — “SLAM,” one of Las Vegas’ premiere dance/variety bands featuring classic rock, Top 40 dance, disco, pop, alternative rock, Rhythm & Blues and soul.
- Sept. 8-13 — “Common Ground,” a five-piece band featuring three female members playing dance music, pop and rock.
- Sept. 15-20 — “Coal Train,” a five-piece country/rock band out of Nashville, Tenn. playing today country and classic rock.
- Sept. 22-27 — “Playground,” a four-piece male band playing a wide variety of classic rock.
- Sept. 29-Oct. 4 — “Chuy & Company,” with a female fronting a three-piece band playing a wide variety of Latino and Meringue music, classic rock and Top 40 dance.

CRIT to negotiate new agreement on Colorado River cleanup

Will continue to be focused on efforts to monitor, remediate contamination

CRIT will soon begin renegotiating an agreement with Pacific Gas & Electric over contamination of groundwater upstream near the Colorado River.

Chromium VI contamination at the PG&E Topock site has been the Tribes' primary concern since the groundwater contamination was disclosed. Chromium VI, also known as "Hexavalent Chromium," or, "Chrome Six," was used at PG&E's Topock Gorge Compressor Station, and then dumped in a dry ravine near the river.

PG&E used the Chromium VI to prevent corrosion in the cooling system at the compressor station — one of several such stations along their natural gas pipeline.

Once the cooling water containing Chromium VI had served its purpose, the waste water was dumped in Bat Cave Wash near the compressor station.

PG&E stopped using it for their cooling systems in 1985.

For several years since the disclosure, the Tribes have worked with local, state, and federal agencies to better understand and address the problem at Topock Gorge.

The Tribes have also worked with PG&E, and

the other agencies involved to protect the cultural resources and spiritual values associated with the site. In early 2007, CRIT entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) directly with PG&E. In the original MOU, PG&E agreed to pay the Tribes' costs for hiring technical consultants, and for other expenses related to making sure the Tribes are both well informed about the clean-up process, and have a strong voice in determining how the process is conducted.

The technical consultants review the scientific data produced by PG&E, the California Department of Toxic Substance Control, the Environmental Protection Agency, and other parties, and provide information to the Tribal Council which helps them make informed decisions on behalf of the Tribal membership. The cultural and spiritual resources are monitored by CRIT Tribal members working under the supervision of the Tribal Museum.

Over the past two and a half years, the original MOU has served the Tribes well, and PG&E has honored their commitment to provide payment for the work performed by the Tribes' technical consultants, for cultural resource protection, and for other expenses of site monitoring by CRIT employees.

However, after lengthy consultation with the Tribes, PG&E recently exercised its right to

terminate the original MOU as of August 29, 2009.

The Tribal Council terminated the current contract with its technical consultants to avoid costs that PG&E will not be obligated to reimburse.

In its place, and after a July 16, 2009 meeting between Tribal Council and PG&E representatives, the Tribes are negotiating a new MOU with PG&E.

The Tribes' position in these negotiations is that the new MOU must retain all of the original MOU's protections for the Tribes.

The Tribes are negotiating with PG&E to ensure that under the new MOU, any cost attributed to oversight, monitoring, travel to the site, or to meetings where decisions about the clean-up process are discussed or made, and technical research — whether conducted by Tribal employees, or by private contractors — will continue to be fully reimbursable to the Tribes.

PG&E has already paid several hundred thousand dollars to the Tribes' outside technical consultants, and for other costs related to site monitoring, cultural resource protection, and travel expenses.

The Tribal Council feels that these funds can be better utilized to pay Tribal employees, rather than a non-tribal firm, for work those employees are qualified to perform.



Get the latest CRIT news on Facebook and Twitter!

CRIT has established new pages on Facebook and Twitter to keep Tribal members updated on the latest news. Visit them today and sign up for updates, and we'll keep you posted in real time on the latest news on the CRIT Reservation. And, use the pages as a resource to get in touch with other Tribal members!

On Facebook, the direct link to CRIT's official page is:

www.facebook.com/pages/Parker-AZ/Colorado-River-Indian-Tribes/107204118525?ref=nf

Or, just type in "Colorado River Indian Tribes" in the "Search" box at the top right of each page on Facebook. The page should be the first one to pop up in the search results.

On Twitter, the direct link to CRIT's official page is:

www.twitter.com/CRITribes

Sign up today!

Class teaches kids Mohave language



(Top) Students in the CRIT Library's Mohave language class are pictured doing commands and introduction activities. (Bottom) Vice Chairman Wayne Patch, Sr., Carl Harper, Sr. and Mamie Harper attending the Kids' Mohave Language Class special PowerPoint presentation and luncheon.

The CRIT Library held a Kids Mohave Language Camp for 7- to 9-year-olds from On July 20-23. The children were taught how to introduce themselves and family members, and commands and the four important mountains in Mohave were taught.

As part of the classes the students were assigned to create a language PowerPoint presentation and incorporate recordings of the words they learned. A special showing of the PowerPoints was held for parents, grandparents and relatives on July 27.

Those attending the class included Lauryn Miller, Kaylee Krause, Neisa Esparza, Tawnee Barrackman, Shade Sholl, Ernesto Mata, Christen Villescaz, Robert Villescaz, Max Booth, Waverley Booth, Isaiah Patch, and Marjorie Scott. Co-Teachers of the language class were Amelia Flores and Sheldon Swick, Sr. Assisting was Colleen Humeumtewa.

New CRIT Children's Residential Center nears opening date

The new CRIT Children's Residential Center on Agency Avenue is approaching its grand opening date. Construction on the facility is wrapping up, and CRIT recently selected a contractor to oversee operations of the center.

Community Provider of Enrichment Services (CPES) was selected from three proposals by the Tribal Council in late July. CPES is based out of Tucson. It is an employee-owned, statewide provider of human services that is celebrating its 29th anniversary this year.

It will provide services for the residential setting around the clock, including the following:

- Provide individualized emergency assessment and intake.
- Provide for necessary health screening.
- Determine appropriate placement.
- Assure the safety of each child.
- Provide for social, educational, nutritional, and general health needs of the child.
- Coordinate visitations.
- Provide for unique requirements of school aged and pre-school aged children.
- Transportation.
- Children's health maintenance (including medications and treating illnesses).
- Nutrition and physical fitness.
- Options for children for whom the facility is not appropriate.

The three-year contract includes an Indian employment preference provision. CPES aims to fill all positions, including director of the CRIT Children's Residential Center, with CRIT community members.

There will be an Open House for the facility on August 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The entire community is invited to meet the staff and learn about the Center. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 10 a.m. The Tribal Council has been invited for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

CPES is requesting for donations of tribal art. Call CPES at 602-820-8701 for drop off/pick up arrangements.

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Enas encouraged anyone with information on these crimes to contact the CRIT Police Department at (928) 669-1386. The reward will be given after convictions to anyone who has information leading to the arrest of the criminals.

"Anyone with information can be helpful in making sure these crimes do not take place again," Enas said. "It's a very important matter and those who help us are doing their people and their community a great service."

CRIT has formed a Task Force to deal with the crimes and related issues, such as making sure hay is stacked in appropriate places on area farms.

CRIT is also working closely with area farmers on the investigation and in efforts to prevent

similar crimes from happening again.

Additionally, the CRIT Fire Department and outside agencies were forced to fight a fire that started on July 4 near the Aha'khav Tribal Preserve.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fire Management designated the fire as the "Deer Fire" due to its proximity to Deer Island. It consumed more than 400 acres, but with no loss of structures. The vegetation loss was primarily salt-cedar trees and plants.

The preliminary determination for the cause of the fire was the "use of fireworks by residents in the Big River area." Preliminary investigative information was provided by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office, which was provided to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Wildland Fire Arson Investigator.

A criminal investigation into the origin of the fire is currently being conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, with assistance provided by CRIT Law Enforcement Services and the San

Bernardino County Sheriff's Office.

At its maximum height, the fire projected 60-80 foot fire flames, with temperatures consistently remaining around 115 degrees.

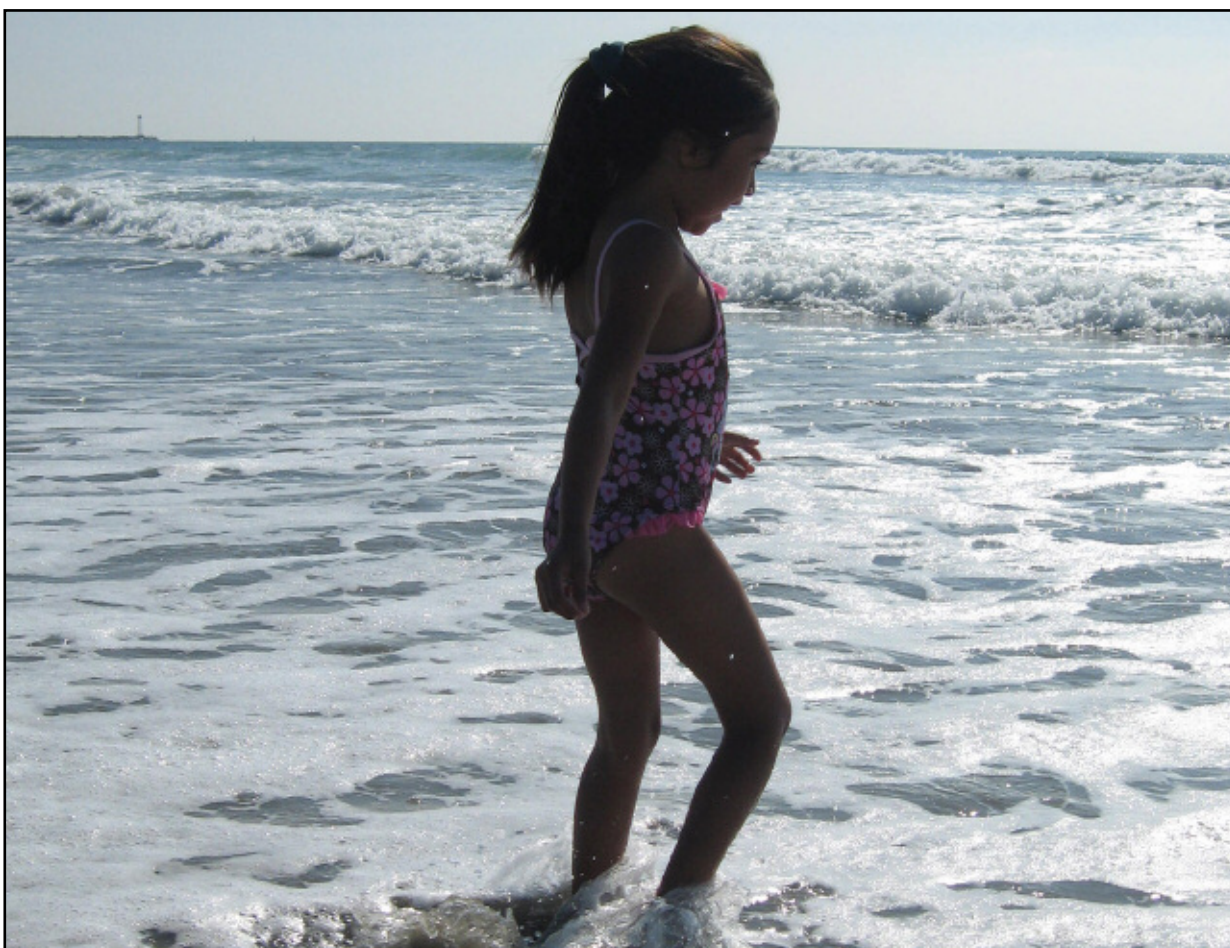
The CRIT Chairman, Council Members, and Community are thankful and appreciative for the response and commitment of all emergency Wildland Fire personnel in protecting and preserving the resources of the Tribes.

The Tribal Council and Tribal Departments remain committed to ensure all fires committed on the reservation are investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law when applicable.

In conjunction with local Farmers and the Tribal Council, rewards up to \$15,000 are available to anyone with information on fires or crimes related to arson.

Contact CRIT Law Enforcement Services at (928) 669-1386, or the Anonymous Tips Hotline (928) 669-5341. "We need your information, not your name."

Fishing, fun fill up August Photo Contest



Submit now, win in October

First place in the August 2009 Photo Contest went to Tami Anderson for her photo of daughter Amaya Simone (above right). She will receive \$100.

Second place goes to Lena Nez for her photo of Thomas Webster Jr. in Supai Canyon (above left). She will receive \$50 for her entry.

Third place goes to Monica Paddock for her photo of Nola Paddock and granddaughter Emalee Cruz (below right). She will receive \$25. Honorable mentions:

- Rocky Laffoon for his photo of Ty Fisher and nephew Ethan with a big fish (bottom left).

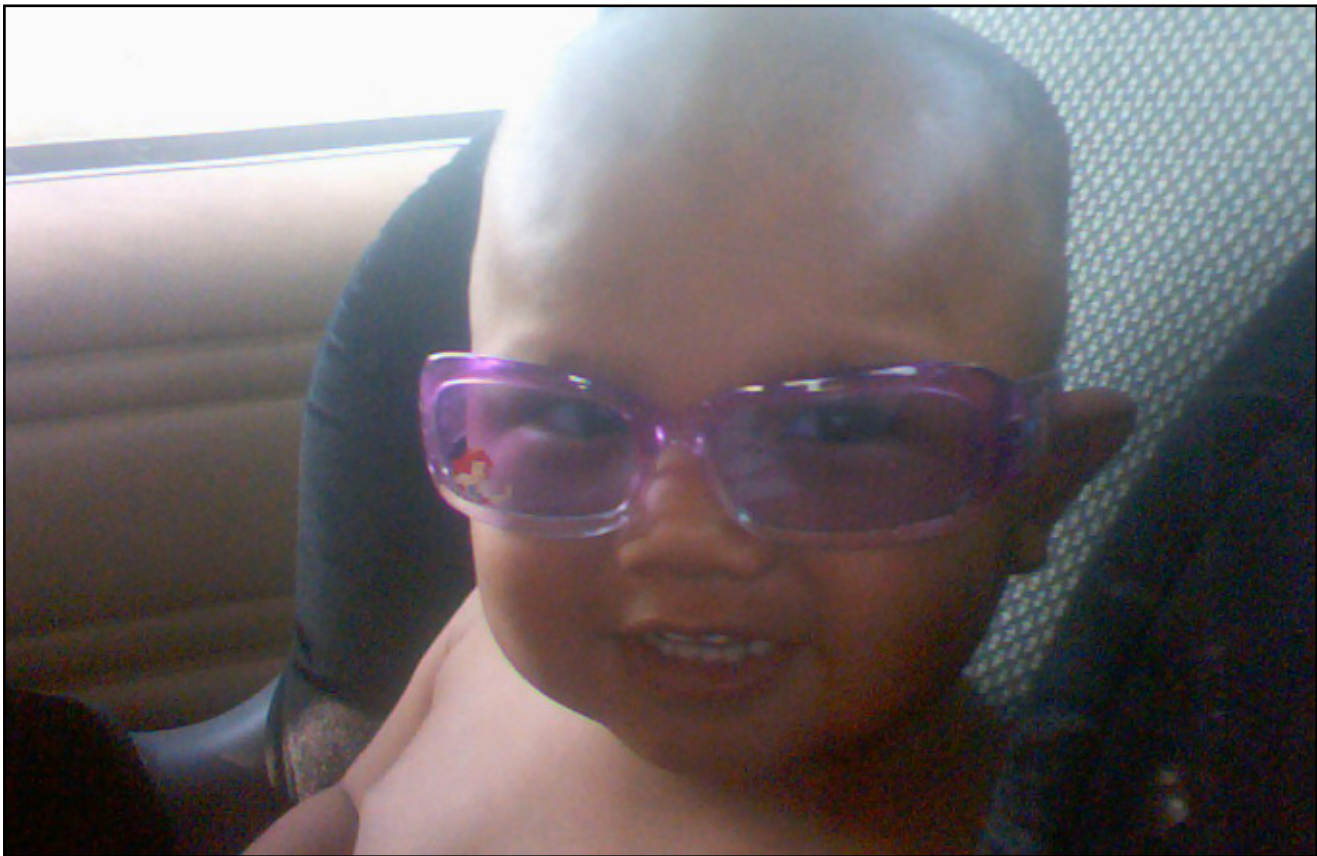
- Carrie Aspa for her photo of son Trey Aspa and his dad, Mike Aspa on a horse ride (opposite page top).

- Vanessa Aspa for her photo of Liliana Aspa at about 1 1/2 months laughing at her grandpa (opposite page middle).

- Theodore Ameelyenah for his photo of 1-year-old Allen Drennan getting ready to go swimming (opposite page bottom).

The deadline for submissions for the October issue is September 15. You must be a tribal member, and no professional portraits are eligible. Send your picture to: *Manataba Messenger*, C/O Rose & Allyn, 7144 E. Stetson Drive Suite 400, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. Or, e-mail the entry to feedback@critonline.com.





CRIT working to get funding from stimulus, grants

Would help fund the construction of planned juvenile detention center

CRIT is hoping to use federal stimulus funds to construct a long-awaited juvenile detention center.

Currently, juveniles arrested on the CRIT Reservation are sent to a Bureau of Indian Affairs facility in Towaoc, Colorado, more than 12 hours away from the reservation.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 earmarked \$225 million in funding through the Department of Justice for building and improving detention centers in Indian Country. CRIT has long been working on such a center, so it is considered “shovel ready,” the primary qualification for the stimulus money. Only a few tribes across the nation had a shovel-ready plan, according to CRIT’s consultants on this project.

CRIT applied for approximately \$4.5 million for the facility in May. CRIT would provide \$510,000 of the construction cost, and was awarded an \$825,000 grant in 2006 to cover the rest of the cost. The facility would provide a total of 20 beds (the number of beds could be increased with double bunking).

CRIT has obtained \$600,000 of available funding from other sources other than stimulus funds to renovate the Temporary Juvenile Holding Facility, which is approximately 900 square feet. The current available funds are sufficient to add approximately an additional 1,000 square feet to this facility. However, CRIT is awaiting the award of \$500,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice by September of this year for this facility. If this happens, more common, outdoor recreational activities and sleeping space will be added.

Mark Ryan Studio Phoenix has been selected to design the renovation. Plans are underway and will be put out for construction bids soon.

Also, CRIT will be submitting a \$825,000 grant application in the near future to Indian Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) for renovation of its Adult Detention Facility.

The CRIT Adult Detention Facility is in need of a bigger kitchen and common areas for detainees.

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challenge. We need to match our expenses to our revenues; we cannot continue to operate on the same format that we are used to operating. Sacrifices need to be made, tough decisions lie ahead.

But they need to be made, because, at the end of the day, we have to be responsible for the overall financial health of our Tribe.

As the Treasurer, I will make sure to keep everybody informed on the measures that we are adopting to ensure that we don't get into a situation that will handicap the Tribe in current and future periods.

Sincerely
Dennis Welsh
CRIT Treasurer

Notice of a
Public Hearing

For the Proposed CRIT Human
& Cultural Research Code

Date: Friday, September 25
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Place: Tribal Council
Chambers

The proposed code can be
found at the following CRIT
locations:

CRIT Library
Senior Center
Administration Building
www.critonline.com

Notice of a Public Hearing

For the Proposed CRIT Foreclosure Code

This proposed Foreclosure Code is one of the requirements for CRIT
to obtain approval to participate in the HUD Section 184
homeownership loan guarantee program.

Date: Monday, August 31, 2009
Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Place: Tribal Council Chambers

The proposed code can be found at www.critonline.com.

Community Provider of Enrichment Services
Proudly serving Members of the Colorado River Indian Tribes

Company Description:

CPES is a growing human services and behavioral health services company providing quality support services to people in communities across Arizona. Founded in 1980, CPES has become one of Arizona's leading providers of residential, day treatment, in-home and vocational services for adults and children. Our offices are located statewide - in Phoenix, Tucson, Flagstaff, Payson & now proudly serving Parker, AZ!

CPES is an award winning organization that has been recognized for its "best management practices" by national business leaders, consultants and the local press. At CPES our standard is to treat individuals like they were our own family!

Job Opportunities

- Management and Supervisory Staff
- Lead Staff
- Direct Care Staff (entry level)
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- Great opportunities for advancement
- Competitive Wages

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877-755-7999

Fax applications/resumes to
602-431-9538

or e-mail
psmith@cpes.com or
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information and to download
our application

JOB FAIR

CRIT Children's Residential Center
Thursday, August 6
10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
12001 Agency Road, Parker, Arizona, 85344



Positions Available:

Direct Support Providers — \$8.50 per hour
Lead Support Providers— \$9.25 per hour
Supervisors—\$26,000 per year

How to Apply:

Call for an appointment at 602-431-9511 ext. 217!
Or... E-mail your resume to psmith@cpes.com or fax it to 602-431-1052

Proposals could have a big effect on gaming in Arizona

Could lead to significant expansion of gaming, facilities inside urban areas

Two proposals being considered right now by state and federal leaders could change the landscape of Indian gaming in Arizona and lead to an expansion of gaming options at places like the BlueWater Resort & Casino.

The first is a proposal by the Tohono O'odham Nation to build a new casino in the most urban setting yet in Arizona, on a property obtained through a federal land exchange in

Glendale. While there are a number of casinos adjacent to urban areas, the Tohono O'odham's proposed facility would be completely surrounded by the City of Glendale.

The new casino would be near Glendale's sports and entertainment complexes, and Glendale is concerned that it would draw business away from those projects.

The proposal is currently under review by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The City of Glendale is fighting the proposal. Recently, the Tohono O'odham Nation filed a

lawsuit against Glendale over the City's efforts to have part of the property declared within city limits, and therefore subject to Glendale's zoning ordinances. If that were the case, Glendale presumably would pass ordinances prohibiting a casino from being built.

A number of business and government groups in the west Phoenix area have expressed their support for the project.

The second proposal being floated comes from the dog and horse racing industry.

In response to the state's budget deficit, the tracks have proposed an expansion of gaming at their facilities to include casino-style games, with 45 percent of the profits going to the state.

The tracks' proposal would limit the expansion of gaming to 10 additional sites in Arizona, although those facilities would have a significantly larger number of slot machines and games than any current Indian gaming facility.

However, the tracks' proposal would also trigger the "poison pill" clause in Arizona's gaming compacts that limit gaming on Indian reservations, opening up the potential for expansion in Indian gaming. This would mean unlimited gaming for CRIT, including the addition of craps and roulette, and a decline in the amount of revenues CRIT is required to share with the state of Arizona.

The most recent set of guidelines for Indian gaming in Arizona were passed by voters in 2002.

The tracks are involved in an extensive lobbying effort at the state Legislature to get their proposal passed. The Legislature is dealing with a \$3.4 billion budget deficit for the upcoming fiscal year, and the tracks' proposal is one of the fixes being considered.

The Arizona Indian Gaming Association, of which CRIT is not a member, opposes the proposal, saying that gaming should stay on Indian reservations, and any changes to state gaming compacts should be decided at the polls.

The proposal in Glendale is impacting the discussion of the tracks' proposal because the Glendale facility would mark the first time a gaming facility was built inside an urban area — which proponents of the tracks' proposal argue is a key development.

There are no racetracks in the Parker area that would be affected by the proposal. The CRIT Tribal Council has not taken a position on either proposal, but is monitoring their progress.

Children attend wellness camp



CRIT members Beatrice Ameelyenah (left) and Shayleen Russell (right) are joined by Anne Brudevold with the White Mountain Diabetes Program. The two CRIT youths were among children from five Arizona tribal communities that participated in this year's wellness camp coordinated by the University of Arizona's College of Medicine's Native American Research & Training Center's (NARTC). The wellness camp, began in 1991, is the only ongoing "medical" camp in Indian country held each year to address the growing problem of type 2 diabetes in American Indian children and youth.

CRIT receives federal grant to fund new police officer position

Program funds new position for CRIT Law Enforcement for three years

CRIT Law Enforcement Services Office has received a federal grant to fund a new police officer position for three years.

Early in 2009, the Department of Justice, under a new revitalization program, designated \$1 billion under the Cops Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP), allowing Law Enforcement and Police Departments around the country to compete for Federal grant money geared at stimulating the economy by hiring additional Law Enforcement personnel but also reinforcing National Security.

The grant would allow recipients to hire personnel for three years under the Federal grant, with the caveat that after three years, the employing agency would pick up the cost and retain the personnel hired under the grant.

As a result, at a special Tribal Council meeting, CRIT unanimously approved the application process for the hiring of seven Law Enforcement Officers under the CHRP grant. The total grant amount over the three-year period was estimated at approximately \$1.1 million.

CRIT wasn't able to secure the full amount, but on July 28, the Department of Justice sent a press release signifying they had finally made the

selection on the grant awards. CRIT Law Enforcement Services Office was selected as a grant recipient.

Under the grant award, CRIT Law Enforcement Services Office will receive \$150,624, to hire one Police Officer for three years. Because of the nation's economy and the negative effect it has had on the local economy and local governments adequately funding public safety, CRIT is fortunate to be included in the selection for additional funding.

CRIT was only one of the 13 agencies within the State of Arizona awarded the grant. Out of the 13 agencies awarded, five agencies were Tribal Law Enforcement agencies.

CRIT member Ellsbury continues to contribute for Boston Red Sox

CRIT member Jacoby Ellsbury is continuing to play a key role for Major League Baseball’s Boston Red Sox as they fight to claim a spot in the playoffs. Ellsbury is now solidly entrenched as the team’s starting centerfielder. As of mid-August, with the Red Sox about two-thirds of the way through the 162-game season, Ellsbury was hitting .297 and had played in all but a handful



Jacoby Ellsbury

of the team’s games. Additionally, Ellsbury was second in the American League in stolen bases, and was on pace to shatter the Red Sox’ record of 54 in one season, set by Tommy Harper in 1973. The Red Sox have fallen

behind in the race for the American League East championship with longtime rivals the New York Yankees, and were fighting for a wildcard playoff spot as of press time. The Tampa Bay Rays, defending American League champions, and the Texas Rangers are also fighting for the spot. Boston last won the World Series in 2007, with Ellsbury playing a key role on that team.

Birthdays & Announcements

Birthdays

On July 25, 2009 at BlueWater Casino the family of Terrilynn “Kitty” Little celebrated her birthday with fun, food, games and music. From left to right, Rosemary, Henry and Terrilyn Little.



This is a belated birthday announcement going out to our mother and grandmother Miss Caroleen Welsch Chico. We love you Grams, we miss you! And Happy Birthday! With all our love, your family from the Tohono O’odham Nation, your daughters Cyndi and Teri, your grandchildren Izzy, Lora, Nada, Sweetie, Ryan and Joe and great-grandchildren Audrey, Celeste, Maliyah and all your other family and friends.

- July 6 — Happy Birthday Jamesina Harper (AKA Flea). Enjoy yourself on your day. From Gator H.
- July 6 — Happy Birthday Joan Yazzie. Best wishes in the future. From Gator H.
- July 8 — Happy Birthday William Howard. From Gator H.
- July 8 — Happy Birthday nephew Sheridan McCowan. From Uncle Gator.
- July 11 — Happy Birthday Jamie C. Behave yourself on your special day. From Gator H.
- July 16 — Happy Birthday Gator Howard. From the one who loves you.
- July 17 — Happy Birthday Paul Begaye. You are turning 6 years old (big man). From Gator H.
- July 18 — Happy Birthday Carrigan McCowan. From Gator H.
- July 30 — Happy Birthday Fayrene M. From Gator H.
- August 3 — To my father Dale Howard. Happy Birthday Father. From your son Gator and boys.

- August 12 — Julia “T” Hough. Happy Birthday. Remember, no Trigger on your day. From Gator H.
- August 12 — Happy Birthday Brittany Booth. Stay clean and sober and think about your son. From Gator H.

- August 12 — Happy Birthday Gary Short Sr. Get ready for Over The Hill Tournaments. From Gator H.
- August 19 — To Grandma Sarge. Happy Birthday. From Your Big For Nothing Gator H.
- August 29 — Happy Birthday Regina Fernandez. Don’t dance too hard. From Gator H.
- August 1 — We would like to our auntie Toni “Yad” Carlyle a Happy Birthday. We wish you the best. Loves your nieces KK, Tre-Tre, Danika Esquerra.
- August 1 --- I would like to wish my sis Yad a Happy Birthday. Love ya your lil Sis.
- August 3 — Wish our daughter/sister Kalee Alexis Esquerra a Happy 6th Birthday. Good luck in 1st grade, and do your best. We love you! Love, Dad, Mom, Sisters Tre, Dae and Brother Jordan.

- August 17 — Happy Birthday Sally Carlyle. Love ya, From Esquerra Family.
- August 29 — Happy Birthday to Edgar Carlyle. Take care. Love Ya. From Esquerra Family.
- September 15 — We want to wish our Auntie Bylli Esquerra a Happy Birthday and wish you the best. With lots of love from your nieces Kalee, Trevani and Danika, and nephew Jordan Esquerra.
- September 23 — We want to wishes our Daddy Chuck Esquerra a very Happy Birthday. We love you very much, you mean the world to us. Love your Babies, Kae(Naughty), Tre (Mammas), Caudrey (Mama) and Jordan (son) all lil Chucks.
- September 23 — I want to wish Chuck (dad) a Happy Birthday. Thank you for always being there, and believing in me. I will never forget that...I love very much...Love always, Patty.
- October 8 — We want to wish Shyla Chavez a Happy Birthday. Love, Kalee, Trevani, Danika, and Patty Esquerra.

- A belated Happy birthday to my daughter Mari Has No Horses. On July 7 she turned “sweet 16!” OMG GRL! I Love U with ALL my heart!! All I ask is PLZ make good choices...<3 <3 <3 MOM, Eric and Sidney.
- A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY...to my

- “sonshine” Eric Lyle Has No Horses on August 8. You’re my hero, you’ve helped me thru SO much and I probably wouldn’t have made it this far without U! We Love U Son! <3 <3 <3 <3 MOM, Mari and Sidney.
- A belated Happy Birthday to Justina Jones July 11. Wishing you many, many more and lots of happiness in the years to come! Take GOOD care of U! Luv U, Mom Sak, Bonez and Eric.
- A belated Happy Birthday to BOW EVANSTON July 9. Hope it was a good 1! Wishing many more! Good Luck at school, Take Good care of U! Luv, Mom, Sak, Bonez and Eric.

- July 4 — Happy 2nd Birthday to little Rebekah C. Fisher! You are the sunshine in our lives and the laughter we need to hear. We love you lots & lots. Love From Auntie (Mom), Brother, Grandma(s), Papa(s), Uncle(s), Auntie(s).
- July 10 — Happy Birthday Jason! Love you, Auntie M.
- July 23 — Happy 9th Birthday to our YaYa! (lil’ Marge) You’re one of a kind! Love you – Auntie Mayo.
- August 3 — Happy Birthday Auntie Mamie Harper. Love from your niece Mayo.
- August 3 — In Memory of your Birthdays — Mom & Froggie, you are not forgotten on this day. Love and miss you both very much. Merial.
- August 18 — Happy Birthday to my nephew Josh — Auntie M.
- August 19 — Happy Birthday to my one and only (Sister). From your one and only — Mayo.
- August 19th Happy Anniversary to my Big Brother Jr and Sister-in-Law Christine! God Bless You. Love you — Merial.

Celebrating her 27th Birthday on August 6 is Elvira Holgate. Happy Birthday from CRIT Library Staff!



Congratulations

- Congratulations to Donald and Sarita Feugate. Best wishes in the future. I love you little sister. From your big brother Gator H.
- You may send your submissions via e-mail to feedback@critonline.com.

Members urged to participate in Census



2010 U.S. Census officials will be using portable, hand-held computer devices such as these to capture data for the official count of the area's population.

The CRIT Tribal Government is encouraging all Tribal members to cooperate as much as possible with and participate in the upcoming U.S. Census — and to be sure to answer the question about Tribal affiliation properly.

The Census is the official U.S. Government count of American residents conducted every 10 years.

The results of the Census are used to determine a wide variety of federal decisions, from whom will serve CRIT as its elected official in Congress to how federal dollars for government programs will be distributed.

Those programs include such critical items as the Indian Child Welfare Act, Indian Employment Assistance, Indian Community Development Block Grants, Public Indian Housing, Indian Child and Family Education and Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, the Work Incentives Grant, and other programs that address tribal needs.

However, one key element of the Census for CRIT members is making sure to respond to the question about Tribal affiliation properly. On Question #9 on the form, Tribal members should generally identify themselves as “American Indian or Alaska Native.” There is no proof required on the form.

Below the box for “American Indian or Alaska Native” is a space to print the name of the person’s tribe. CRIT members should identify themselves either as members of the Colorado River Indian Tribes or as of CRIT — they should NOT identify themselves by their background as Navajo, Hopi, Mohave or Chemehuevi, as the question is referring to which tribe you are a member of, not what your tribal lineage is.

The official “Census Day” is April 1, 2010; however, Census-related activities are going to be ongoing between now and that official date and testing will continue for those activities with testing dates set for every two weeks beginning with July 31, 2009.

Additionally, the U.S. Census will be employing a good number of local residents on a temporary basis to help with the count.

Greg Fisher of the CRIT Planning Office said that they have heard recently from Census officials, who said that while some of those who have been accepted for temporary employment have heard back from the Census office, others who will be selected down the road have not.

In other words, Fisher said, if you applied for a Census position and have not received notification that you were hired, you may still receive such notification in the future.

FEMA trailers to provide much-needed housing

17 CRIT families will benefit from new homes; first ones move in August

A total of 17 CRIT families will move into new homes in the coming weeks, thanks to the donation of trailers the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The FEMA trailers were ordered for areas that were affected by natural disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast region in 2005, but were not put into use.

More than 1,000 FEMA trailers have been donated to Native American tribes as a result of a 2007 program.

That program allowed for mobile homes determined to be in excess of FEMA’s needed supply to be given free of charge to Native American tribes. Those tribes were then asked to fill out an application for participation in the program.

Phase I of the project is nearing completion on the CRIT Reservation, and will involve the installation of five of the first seven trailers in the next couple of weeks.

CRIT agencies including the Sand & Rock Enterprise, Colorado River Building Materials, the Environmental Protection Office, CRIT Farms and even inmate labor from the CRIT detention facility teamed up to complete the foundation pads for the trailers for Phase I.

Around press time, the trailers will be “rolled in” to their permanent position, and prepared to have utilities connected.

Greg Fisher of the CRIT Planning Office said the goal is to have electricity going to these trailers by mid-August, with families moving in shortly afterward.

CRIT residents were asked to fill out an application to be part of the program, and were chosen based on their need.

The remainder of the trailers will be put into place over the course of the next few months.

The mobile homes are not the same type of structures provided to most victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Most of those individuals instead received what were classified as “travel trailers.” There have been numerous news reports about formaldehyde issues in those trailers, but they are not the same as the mobile homes that are part of this program.

Tribal Employment Rights Office modifying standards for projects

The CRIT Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has a new director and is working on modifying the “compliance plan” that governs how Tribal employees work with Tribal government and its contractors.

Theo De La Rosa is the new Director of TERO, and one of the first initiatives of her office will be to enforce the compliance plan for any CRIT contracts over \$50,000.

CRIT created the TERO commission to better

regulate the employment practices of the Tribes, as well as for employers and contractors conducting business within the reservation boundaries. TERO provides a number of services, which include matching qualified applicants from the Tribes to employment opportunities on the Reservation and investigating complaints regarding employment practices.

The goal of any modifications to the compliance plan will be to ensure that those

doing business with CRIT are tapping CRIT members as a resource for employment as much as possible.

The changes may involve implementing more human-resources guidelines so that Tribal members’ benefits are protected.

TERO clients are encouraged to check in with the TERO office at (928) 669-9211 and make sure all their contact information is up to date.



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WALMART: Long-awaited center opens in Parker



The new Walmart was opened in a ceremony in mid-July. CRIT is working to lease four other parcels at the center. The Walmart is expected to generate hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in revenue for CRIT.

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to Lake Havasu City if they wished to shop at a store such as Walmart.

"The opening of this store is a tremendous milestone for our community," said Tribal Chairman Eldred Enas.

"It not only provides our residents with more shopping choices, it also will serve as an economic engine that will provide jobs and revenue to CRIT and its members."

The Walmart store is about 100,000 square feet and includes groceries and general merchandise. The center will include a variety of other stores as well.

CRIT is currently working on leasing four parcels along Highway 95 as part of the project. CRIT is leading the effort so that it has control

over the types of businesses that come into the community and can secure the revenue streams created from those stores.

There have been no leases signed on the four parcels that front the road, but they have talked to several retailers that like to locate their businesses near Walmart stores.

Walmart accounts for 11 acres of the 23-acre shopping center site. CRIT will control the other 12 acres.

The targeted opening date for the Walmart had originally been July 22, so the project was completed slightly ahead of schedule.

The new Wal-Mart store will be an economic shot in the arm by creating an estimated 200 new jobs and up to \$400,000 per year in sales tax revenue for CRIT, which will help fund youth, elder and other important Tribal programs.